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**JOINT STATEMENT BY THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND CSX REGARDING CSX-OWNED BRIDGES IN
BALTIMORE CITY**

“Last night and again this afternoon, senior officials from the Baltimore City Department of Transportation and CSX conferred in person and by phone to lay the framework for a corrective action plan that will cure the deficiencies in five CSX-owned bridges in Baltimore City. These discussions have been very positive and we believe will result in a mutually agreeable strategy for correcting the deficient bridges.

Already this week, the CSX bridges have been re-inspected by Baltimore City’s engineers. We wish to reassure the public that the bridges are structurally sound. On Monday, CSX’s lead structural engineer and the City’s lead structural engineer will begin a joint inspection to identify corrective action that can be taken while full rehabilitation or reconstruction plans are completed.

Discussions continue surrounding the funding of any associated costs. A team of high-level CSX managers and City officials will meet with the goal of bringing these discussions to a conclusion within the next month. In the meantime, CSX has agreed to assume the cost of all fees for, and to expedite the review of, the City’s engineering plans for those bridges already in design.

CSX and the City of Baltimore remain committed to working together to achieve the highest-level of safety for the motoring public.”

